



Purpose

An alternate training method for Washington State flagger certification is now in place. Contractor traffic control personnel can get certified or recertified using the alternate method included in this bulletin. In order to maintain continuity of operations, WSDOT will still allow any currently certified Flagger or Traffic Control Supervisor whose certification expired as of February 28, 2020 to continue working with the expired certification until further notice. It is recommended that traffic control personnel get certified or recertified as soon as practicable as the Department of Occupational Safety and Health directive 1.60 may be rescinded at any time as COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

Guidance

It is imperative that traffic control personnel have recent and continuous training to provide for the safety of our workers and the travelling public. Therefore, no new traffic control personnel that have not yet been certified or former traffic control personnel whose certification has lapsed prior to February 28, 2020 will be granted this grace period. All currently approved flagging training providers are now allowed to offer on-line training but are not required to do so. Please contact your training provider to determine availability.

Resources

[Standard Specification](#) Section 1-10.3, *Traffic Control Labor, Procedures, and Devices*

[Proclamation by the Governor](#)

[Department of Occupational Safety and Health Directive](#)

[L&I Novel Coronavirus Outbreak \(COVID-19\) Resources](#)

[President's and CDC Guidelines for Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

Alternate Flagging Training with Certificate (attachment)

Implementation Plan

The alternate training method for Washington flagger certification and traffic control certification expiration date extension is implemented with the issuance of this construction bulletin.

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Washington Flagger Certification using Alternate Training Methods

(An alternate training methods to in-person training may be used until L&I's

[DOSH Directive 1.60 Temporary Enforcement Guidance](#): Expiring Training and Certifications During the COVID-19 Outbreak is rescinded)

WA Flagger Training Provider requirements:

- Build a class roster of, (12 maximum), and mails or (emails a PDF), each enrolled student a flagger training book and any other materials needed prior to the class.
- Provide each student a secure login to the training conference.
- Verify student photo ID at the beginning of training.
- Presents their existing approved WA flagger training program as an online conference with an instructor and the course presentation visible to the students.
- Engages students by seeking feedback and questions from all.
- Uses a secure testing environment via software/web service for the exam.
Or, provides an in person testing location with ID verification, proper social distancing and proctor.
- After successful completion, provide the student with a certificate of completion that may be used as a temporary flagging card once an employer evaluates the student per the checklist on the back of the certificate and signs it.
- Once the instructor receives the verification they will issue a permanent card and return it to the student.
- Use the same record keeping requirements as classroom training.

Student requirements:

- Must be able to attend the training conference alone with video with voice connections at all times to the instructor and during the exam.
- Have photo ID during the class.
- Acknowledgement and acceptance that all or part of the training conference video and voice connections will be recorded.
- Have class materials available during training.
- Participate in class exercises and ask questions.
- Complete the exam during the allowed time limit with a passing score to receive a certificate/temporary WA Flagger card.
- Return the employer signed certificate/temporary WA flagging card to the training provider within 3 months to be issued a WA flagger card.



The Washington State Traffic Control Oversight Committee, (TCOC) authorizes, _____, a Certified Flagger Instructor, (# _____), that has been certified by, _____, to provide an alternative version to in-person training methods of the WA State Flagger training course.

This letter certifies that, _____ has completed the online training course approved by the TCOC. As this is an alternative version of the training, the student has not had the opportunity to demonstrate the skills and abilities that are required under WAC 296-155-305 Signaling and Flaggers. This completed employer verification checklist shall be valid for 3 months from completion date.

To ensure that this individual has those skills and abilities, employer verification must be completed by an individual trained or experienced in traffic control (e.g., Traffic Control Supervisor, Traffic Control Engineer or Certified Flagging Instructor)

Employer Verification checklist:

Verify certificate holder has ID that matches the name on the certificate.

Per the MUTCD Section 6E.01 and 6E.07 the employer verifies that the certificate holder has the:

- Ability to receive and communicate specific instructions clearly, firmly, and courteously*
- Ability to move and maneuver quickly in order to avoid danger from errant vehicles;*
- Ability to control signaling devices (such as paddles and flags) in order to provide clear and positive guidance to drivers approaching a TTC zone in frequently changing situations;*
- Ability to understand and apply safe traffic control practices, sometimes in stressful or emergency situations; and*
- Ability to recognize dangerous traffic situations and warn workers in sufficient time to avoid injury.*

Ability to demonstrate with a flagging paddle how to:

- a. Stop traffic
- b. Let traffic proceed
- c. Alert and slow traffic

Ability to demonstrate with a red flag (in case of emergency) how to:

- a. Stop traffic
- b. Let traffic proceed
- c. Alert and slow traffic

Ability to demonstrate with a flashlight and flagging paddle how to:

- a. Stop traffic at night
- b. Let traffic proceed at night
- c. Alert and slow traffic at night

Evaluated by: _____ Date: _____

Position: _____ Certificate#: _____

Company Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Signature of Evaluator: _____